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MEDICAL MARIJUANA: Company applies for commercial licence in Port Colborne

## Former PM pushing for pot

**MARYANNIE FIRTH**  
QMI Agency Niagara

A former prime minister is setting out on a joint initiative. John Turner, who served as Canada's 17th prime minister from June 30 to Sept. 17, 1984, has put his support behind creation of a commercial medical marijuana grow operation in Port Colborne.

Turner has started working with Mulleboom Organics Inc., which has applied for its commercial licence at 462 Pinecrest Rd.

The retired politician, who sits on the company's board,

was at Port Colborne city council Monday night for a public hearing that addressed a city-initiated application for a zoning bylaw amendment.

The application is meant to provide Port Colborne with more control over where medical marijuana facilities, already approved as an agricultural use, can set up in the municipality.

New federal legislation comes into effect April 1 that regulates larger production, processing and distribution of marijuana.

Turner did not speak dur-

ing the meeting. He instead sat silently in the front row of the gallery as discussions were underway.

But on Tuesday, he expressed his motivation behind his involvement with the company, saying the Mulleboom project "makes sense to me."

"The Canadian government's behind it. I think Canadian people understand the merits of it. Besides the odd neighbour problem, which I understand, it makes a lot of sense."

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MARYANNIE FIRTH/QMI AGENCY NIAGARA

Former prime minister John Turner, a board member with Mulleboom Organics Inc., and company president Marc Kealey listen to presentations Monday night from concerned residents regarding the company's proposed commercial medical marijuana grow operation on Pinecrest Rd. in Port Colborne.

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**PLAYGROUND:** Council opts for rebuild beginning in June

## Cat-plagued park to be replaced

MARYANNE FIRTH

QMI Agency Niagara

Port Colborne council will dip into the kitty to build a new playground beside DeWitt Carter Public School.

Though the playground wasn't planned for a rebuild until 2018, staff recommended upgrading the park immediately to address a health hazard raised by a local parent.

Jayne-Lynn Liley was about to move from her owned park on Fares St. in the fall after her four-year-old daughter kept coming home with what she thought was muck on her coat.

Liley soon learned area can had been using the sand base of the park as a medical litter box and was determined to have something done about it.

She created a petition ask-

ing the city to replace the sand in the park with a different material and collected more than 300 signatures.

Cost to replace the existing playground is estimated at \$63,200, including \$13,200 for removal of the existing base and placement of drainage system, filter cloth and engrossed wood fibre.

If only the base were replaced this year, it would have to be dug out and changed once again in 2018 when the park structure is replaced, said Ron Hanson, the city's director of engineering and operations.

For now, city reserves for park replacements were depleted in 2013 when Melies' a's Playground at H.J. Krol Lakeview Park was replaced at a cost of \$150,000.

To cover the DeWitt Carter

playground, city reserves



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Port Colborne mother Jayne-Lynn Liley petitioned the city to remove the sand base of the DeWitt Carter Playground replaced with another material. The sand is being used by animals as a make-shift litter box, she says, and has become a health hazard. As a result, city council has unanimously approved a full rebuild of the park.

park build, staff recommended using dollars from

\$85,000 in unallocated funds in the city's 2014 capital

reserve account.

After news broke of the park issue, a handful of groups and individuals stepped forward in the community to offer assistance in the form of materials, money and volunteer hours, said Ward 2 Coun. Yvonne Hanson.

The material donations included a rubber product for the base, Hanson said, but wood fibres are recommended by staff.

Doucet stressed the project should move forward "as soon as possible," as the weather will soon warm and children will want to use the park again.

"The faster we can get this going, the better."

Hanson said staff have already prepared contract documents for work on the park. The tender will close

April 14 and construction is set to begin after the school year comes to an end.

A commemorative plaque and bench that sit within the park will be maintained.

Council unanimously approved the build.

"I'm so happy," said Liley, who was dubbed the "park champion" by Mayor Vance Badaway. She credited council for listening to her concerns and moving so quickly to address them.

She also thanked community members who signed the petition, as well as businesses that made the petition available in support of the cause.

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### GROW-OP

## Former MP backs commercial grow-ops in Port

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Asked if he himself is a user of medical marijuana, the 64-year-old Toronto resident said with a laugh: "I've never used it, no."

He does, however, believe legalizing and regulating medical marijuana is a smart move.

"I think it makes sense from a point of view of Canadian health, Canadian medical practice," he said.

Several residents spoke against the commercial grow-op Monday night, raising their concerns of increased crime, decreased property values and impact to the environment.

The Pinecrest grow-op is currently privately operated and licenced for individual use, not commercial.

important to attend Monday night's meeting to show his support and to be at a future public meeting regarding the development.

"I believe in the public process," he said.

"(The meeting) was well conducted. All points of view were heard."

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It was about three weeks ago that Mulleboom Organics notified Niagara Regional Police, the fire hall and Port Colborne's fire department of its intentions to gain commercial status. The company has also submitted its intentions to Health Canada in a 700-page document.

Four licensed individuals currently use the property to grow marijuana for their own personal use.

Mulleboom wants to grow 1,500 kg of marijuana per year — about 1,300 prescriptions worth, said company president Marc Kealey.

The existing facility needs to undergo expansion and additional renovations to bring it into compliance with the new regulations, which require quality control to be conducted, properly trained and educated staff on site, an ability to register clients, 24-hour security and air purification systems to reduce any odours.

Kealey said the company has standard operating practices and a team of professionals before it can be granted a license to produce "the envy of the country."

He called the Health Canada application process a rigorous one that undergoes thorough review before any approval

is granted. There are "stringent" guidelines that must be followed to be successful, he added.

Concerns of neighbouring residents will be taken into account when the board is making decisions, he said, adding there is a "necessity for good corporate responsibility."

Kealey believes once residents "see this is a legitimate business," there will be a change in attitude.

It is an important liability, the government of Canada has taken very serious steps to make this safe, secure and viable," he said.

"And we're committed to

making sure everybody's voice is heard," he said.

Port Colborne is expecting to hear back from Health Canada about its application in the next few weeks.

A report outlining Port Colborne's proposed zoning law amendment, which includes setbacks from residences and other properties, will go before council for approval on April 14.

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# LOCAL NEWS

**CLOSEUP:** Commercial medical marijuana facilities coming to Niagara

# Our growing pot industry

**MARYANNE FIRTH**  
QMI Agency Niagara

Jill Carone is not opposed to medical marijuana.

But the Niagara-on-the-Lake resident does take issue with how the drug, grown only 200 metres away from his home, has begun impacting his quality of life.

It wasn't long after a licensed legal grow operation opened on Lakeshore Rd. earlier this year that Carone, and several area neighbours, began getting concerned.

He was first alerted to the change at the greenhouse when a 10-foot-high fence was erected around the building with barbed wire on top.

"There came the 'skunkies,' rotten smell of marijuana," he recalled.

Through the cold winter weather, it permeated the air. Carone fears it will be worse come summer.

He also worries criminals will target the facility.

Carones has his doubts new regulations being instituted by Health Canada will mitigate his concerns.

The federal legislation, which regulates larger production, processing and distribution of medical marijuana, comes into effect April 1.

Licensed commercial businesses qualifying to sell the drug will be required to comply with strict operating criteria

and must conduct quality control, hire properly trained and educated staff, have an inventory system, provide 24-hour security and install alarm monitoring systems to reduce any odours.

While the preventative measures "sound great," Carone questioned who will be doing the testing to ensure that familiar smell does not make its way over to his property.

"I have nothing against medical grow-ops in general," he said.

If vegetables were being grown at the greenhouse and causing these issues, he said he'd be complaining just the same.

"I'm more concerned about what it brings with it than what it is."

Health Canada has approved one conditional licence in Niagara-on-the-Lake and at least seven others have been submitted.

Several other Niagara municipalities have also put forward notice that licences are being sought.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Mayor Dave Ede said the federal regulations are "all intended to be of benefit to municipalities and residents."

"It's a positive thing."

Ede is concerned there has "not been a lot of information" released to the public about the federal initiative.

"We're at the bottom rung of the government, closest to the citizens and expected to know what's going on," he said.

The coming changes, he added, could have been better expressed to municipalities and the public.

"This is a strictly controlled, regulated model. Not just anyone has the ability to initiate or regulate."

Eke believes the new industry will mean "high-quality jobs" which the region is in need of.

He questioned whether the Hekehouse facility, which sits close to an existing residential subdivision, would be in compliance with the government's regulations.

The facility is "at the gateway to the community," Eke said, and looks "almost worse" than a detention centre.

"I think the regulations will do nothing," he said.

"But first we'll need to see if they get their licence."

Mark Kealey is also awaiting word from Health Canada.

The president of Mulleboom Organics Inc. has high hopes for his company's application, which was submitted for a property on Pinecrest Rd. in Port Colborne.

Kealey said he understands people are "legitimately concerned, because it is marijuana," but he believes it's because they're not properly

informed of the new regulations.

"Our job is exponentially increasing," he said.

"We have to educate the public about what's happening."

Mulleboom Organics wants to "assuage their fears," Kealey said, of residents who believe the facility may "bring nefarious or criminal activity."

Health Canada, he said, has created the new regulations to get the growing of marijuana "out of people's basements, people's garages, in places they don't know about."

"The Government of Canada is issuing licences only to qualified and bona fide businesses."

"We've invested a lot of money, time and expertise into this."

Kealey believes medical marijuana is a "growth industry" in Port Colborne, one that is expected to create "legitimate long-term jobs."

Niagara, he said, has "some

of the best agricultural land in the country."

The regulation changes provide opportunity for the area to "become a showcase for Canada in manufacturing marijuana for medical use."

The Pinecrest property, now used to grow medical marijuana for personal use, is proposed to have its commercial licence to grow 1,500 kilograms of the drug a year enough to fill about 3,000 prescriptions.

A design is being created to

expand the facility at the back of the property and to make necessary changes to meet the federal guidelines.

Kealey said Mulleboom welcomes public comment and will do what it can to address concerns.

"This is new. Anytime there are new things emerging — in industry, retail, school zoning — there will always be a necessity to have the public heard," he said.

"We embrace that."

Port Colborne fire Chief Tom Cartwright credited the lake-side city with "a progressive approach" in addressing the new regulations. The city has begun the process to amend its zoning bylaws to regulate where the marijuana facilities can set up and to gain site plan control.

This will allow the fire department, Cartwright said, to provide more input into the proposed developments.

Cartwright said it has been his understanding illegal grow operations are experiencing electrical and heating issues, some even illegally burning hydro.

He's hopeful the new regulations will help to impede those operations, meaning the crop is being grown not only legally, but also safely.

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## Ourview

### 40% gas hike burns consumers

**W**hat a big surprise.

Enbridge Gas

Decided to increase gas for a huge increase in price. According to the Ontario Energy Board gives it a rubber stamp of approval.

Thanks a lot OEB. Speaking on behalf of all Enbridge customers, especially those families and seniors on fixed incomes who are already struggling to make ends meet — you suck.

Forgive me for not being a bit more eloquent in finding just the perfect words to express my displeasure, but there's no point beating around the bush.

This is not the time to be graceful of style. William Shakespeare might have phrased it this way: "Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears. Once again we must suffer the slings and arrows of our enemies, the gas, hydro, and new announced rates."

All joking aside, there's nothing

funny about the fact the average family will be paying about \$400 more on their natural gas bill next year.

For some, that just might be the final straw of no longer being able to afford to live in their homes.

In any type of negotiation it goes without saying that you will ask for more than what they expect to get. That way there's a bit of wiggle room.

Not in this case. It was a master of ask and you shall receive.

Enbridge asked for a 40% increase and OEB gave them 40%. That's a nice round figure, why haggle or a measly 10, 20, or 30%? I mean, I didn't even go through the motions of asking for 40 and giving them 20 or even 35. At least it would have left consumers with the impression it was a tough, difficult decision, there was nothing else that could

be done, so it's a matter of pay up or freeze your butt off next winter.

And don't forget to add the HST on top of all that because it just might leave some folks with change in their pockets when everything is said and done.

Sure. Enbridge blames it on the fact it was an exceptionally cold winter and the supply of cheap gas has run out and now it has to purchase more at a new higher price.

If it had been a mild winter we would probably have heard the company didn't sell enough natural gas, so it had to jack up the price to make up for what it didn't sell.

Isn't that the excuse we hear every time they increase the cost of our drinking water?

Admittedly, I don't know much about the Ontario Energy Board, but it has a section of its website dedicated to consumer protection. It says the board has a number of roles to make sure energy consumers across Ontario are treated fairly.

Really?

God! I would hate to think what would happen if they were not looking after our collective best interest.

The OEB has a consumer protection page on its website for anyone who has a question or a complaint.

Here is the link in case anyone is interested:

<http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/oeb/Consumers/ContactUs/Consumer%20Relations>

Here's my suggestion, take that 40% increase off the price of anyone who is connected with the Ontario Energy Board.

Why stop there. Get rid of the board, who needs them?

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# What Is Worship?

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Have you ever seriously considered this question? Most people either don't think about it at all, or simply focus on what worship they enjoy. But what is worship? Worship always has an object, and that object is a person's God (or god). So let's begin right there: what is a god? A god is what you fear, love or trust most in life. Christian worship one God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. A god may be an idol or statue, it may be acquiring and keeping money, it may be family, environment, nature, etc., or it may be yourself, your thoughts and desires; it may be death, things in nature, spirituality or modern theories of science. Every person who ever lived or ever will live worships at least one god.

This general understanding of worship relates to God's First Commandment, "You shall have no other gods." This command directs every Christian to love and trust in the one true God above all creation. It also speaks to the Christian as a sinner, for everyone, from time to time or frequently, fears, loves or trusts someone or something more than God. Everyone breaks this and every command by what is thought, said or done — not just by doing, but also by thinking and speaking. Jesus explains this clearly in His Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5). For this reason everyone needs forgiveness, always, and that brings us back to worship. For the Chris-

tian, worship flows out of faith and the understanding of who God is and what He has done for our salvation. Christ, who forgives us by His death on the cross, is the main focus of Christian worship.

So you think about what true, God-pleasing worship is, what is your focus? On the one hand, if you understand worship to be something you do for God, then you will most likely believe that you will be saved because of your good works, because of your decision for Jesus, or because you are a good person. On the other hand, if you understand worship to be something God does for you, then you will most likely believe that you will be saved not from good works or because of anything you have done or refrained from doing, but because of the grace and mercy of God, through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, without any merit or worthiness in you.

The main point of Christian worship is to receive from God the good things He promises and wants to give: forgiveness, life, salvation, comfort, peace, joy, and more. We have dedicated His Church for this very purpose.

This is the traditional Lutheran view of worship. It's not something that people have made up, but we follow the pattern set down by Christ when He sent the Holy Spirit to create the Christian Church on Pentecost Day. Together with the very first Christians, we continue steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine (preaching and teaching the Word), in the breaking of bread (the Lord's Sup-

per), and in the prayers (Acts 2:42; Ephesians 2:19-22). On that day Jesus created His Church with all the basics of the Christian Faith: the preaching of Law and Gospel, repentance and forgiveness, Holy Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and receiving the Holy Spirit, the Lord's Supper and prayer (Acts 2:29-42).

Christian worship is from God. Jesus has not left us as orphans, but comes to us by the Holy Spirit's work in His Word and Sacraments. The highest worship in the Gospel is the desire to receive from God forgiveness, life and salvation from Jesus. For this reason the liturgy, hymns, sermons and sermons are all biblical and Christ-centered, experiencing God's ability in God's Word in order to know the Truth and be freed from sin, death and the power of the devil (John 8).

Then, having received these gifts through the hearing of His Word read, preached and taught, and through the receiving of His body and blood in the Lord's Supper, we respond with prayer, praise, thanksgiving and song. Christian worship is first Divine Service, Word and Sacrament. It is also a service. It is something that we do in response to His goodness. Also part of Christian worship is the gathering together of God's children in order to support one another and stir up love and good works (Hebrews 10:19-25).

This is the biblical shape and form of Christian worship. It is the good gift of our loving God for our benefit here and now, and for our eternal life in heaven.



### Top hat ceremony delayed

The captain of the Welland Canal's first downstream vessel of the season will have to wait a little longer to tip the coveted top hat.

Port Colborne's traditional top hat ceremony was scheduled to take place Friday, but has since been postponed until next week.

The ice on Lake Erie has shown no

signs of breaking up this week, which has delayed downstream traffic. The first is not expected to pass through Port Colborne until sometime next week.

A date and updated time for the delayed ceremony at Lock 8 park has not yet been set.

Residents are asked to look for updates as to when the event will take place

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St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corp. still intends to celebrate the opening of the canal on Friday with its annual ceremony at Lock 3 in St. Catharines beginning at 10 a.m.

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## Walkathon a step toward cenotaph

Wainfleet Lions have organized a Saturday, April 10, walkathon to raise funds for Wainfleet's cenotaph.

The 9:30 a.m. event will start and end at the Wainfleet Firefighters Memorial Hall. Schools and churches have been invited to participate.

Pledge sheets are available at the township office, library, Wainfleet Avondale Doru Diner, Jackson's Auto Body and Wellandport Home Hardware & Farm Supply Store. Income-tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$10 or greater.

Wainfleet's cenotaph committee has finalized the design of the cenotaph and landscaping and has only fundraising left to complete. Less than \$10,000 remains to be raised.

For more information, contact the Lions Club's Martin VanGool at 905-835-8423 or George DeRuyle at 289-820-6163.

## Catholic award for late school board founder

The late Msgr. Matthew Clifford, a parish priest throughout Niagara who played an integral role in the creation of the Welland Roman Catholic Separate School Board, is the 2014 recipient of the National Catholic Education Award of Distinction.

Clifford was born in St. Catharines in 1918 and ordained in 1943. He died in 1989.

Clifford was pastor of St. Mary Church in Welland when he became involved in

meetings to lay the groundwork for the Welland school board. He was its first chair, from 1953-55.

He later served as a trustee for the Niagara Falls Roman Catholic Separate School Board. Following amalgamation in 1969, Clifford served as a Niagara Falls trustee for the newly created Welland Catholic District Separate School Board, a position he held until he was relocated to St. Denis Parish in St. Catharines. He served three terms as a trustee for Lincoln County Roman Catholic Separate School Board in St. Catharines.

Among his areas of interest were early school learning, education goals and teacher-trustee relations.

In 1977, Pope Paul VI elevated Father Clifford to Msgr. Clifford. Three years later, he received the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association's Bernard Harrigan Award of Merit.

Monsignor Clifford's final assignment was to St. Julia Parish.

## NHS celebrates its best people

Niagara Health System has honoured its best employees with a round of awards.

Mike Dueck, a member of the Greater Niagara General Hospital physiotherapy team, took the top honour Thursday — the 2013 President's Award of Excellence — for his patient-centered approach to caring for patients and families. His relationship-building abilities and his supportive leadership style, positive attitude and active participation in enhancing the quality of physiotherapy services at GNHH.

Six additional awards were presented to NHS employees who were nominated by their peers. Recipients are:

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- Bring out the best in each other: Scott Chambers, GNHH, registered practical nurse;

- Bring out the best in each other: Terry Parker, St. Catharines, registered practical nurse;
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**FOOD FESTIVAL:** Port Colborne to rebrand event

## Flavours on hiatus for 2014 as staff makes rebranding effort

MARYANNE FIRTH  
(M) Agency/Nagara

Flavours of Niagara is on hold while Port Colborne city staff figure out how to spice up the food festival.

City council approved a one-year hiatus Monday night after staff brought forward a report looking at significant changes to the event's structure.

It was recommended the festival, traditionally held over the Canada Day long weekend, be

reduced to two days and held in mid-June. A formal change to food trucks for the annual country festival was also suggested.

Ward 2 Coun. Angie Desmarais didn't feel the festival's committee would be ready to roll out its new look in just 12 weeks.

"It's a stab in the right direction, but that's not what we need. We need to nail it," she said.

In order to rebrand the festival, "you need separation between old and new," said Ward 2 Coun.

Yvan Doucet.

"Take a one-year hiatus and instead work to create a more comprehensive culinary event for 2015."

In its first few years, Flavours was geared more toward wine and jazz and blues.

"All of a sudden we got away from that and we lost our verve," said Ward 1 Coun. Dave Elliott, who felt the suggested pairing of food trucks and country music didn't seem to mesh.

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he said.  
"We're behind the eight ball right now."

Planning had begun for the 2014 festival, but details, including entertainment and vendor listings, had yet to be solidified.

Mayor Vance Badaway was not in support of putting Flavours on hold.

Staff are not busy reading the paper as festivals throughout the year, he said.

"If we start dropping events, we should start dropping expenses."

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■ PETER KORMOS: Welland's cultural icon' remembered a year after his death

# 'They're never going to forget you'

**GREG FURMINGER**  
InPort News Staff

Peter Kormos. It's a name, and a personality, that won't soon be forgotten.

"He's a local cultural icon," said Welland artist James Takeo.

"He represents that fierce pride that's in this community."

Takeo, who is co-ordinator of this year's Welland Rose Festival juried art show, has assembled a collection of local images that pay tribute to the Maverick who one year ago on March 30 was found dead at his Baki St. home at the age of 69.

Takeo, who sold a pencil drawing of Kormos to someone from outside Niagara at last year's festival, heard through the grapevine that others have been immortalizing the politician in art.

"I knew I couldn't be the only one," he said.

Their artwork is now on display at the festival office on East Main St., alongside Takeo's large painting of a Kormos in his earlier day in politics. The collection "is a celebration of the legacy he's left behind," he said.

On Saturday morning plans were unveiled for a new Welland Market Court on Division St. The project is to include a market to include a water feature in which will be set a pair of iconic cowboy boots, a constant reminder of the man who was all-things Welland.

"Nobody's ever going to replace him, and we want his memory to go on forever and ever," Dan Fortier told a market

audience.

Fortier, who was appointed from city council to fill Kormos' vacant regional council seat, on Sunday planned to erect the New Democrat's old election signs on the front yard of his Colbeck Dr. home as a tribute to the great political champion of local justice causes.

"Politically," said Fortier, "I've got big boots to fill."

In his roles as a city councillor, mayor and, too, an advocate for the struggling working class and poor, Cindy Forster argued a strong bond with Kormos over two decades.

"I always said he was my dad for 20 years. We both had our own strengths," Forster said.

"He was always the voice of the taxpayer, and didn't care who he ticked off in the process," she said.

He became very well known across the province. And reporters could always count on him for a clever sound bite.

And so could his political peers.

"I think there was an expectation that they were going to hear from Peter on each and every issue," said Forster, Welland riding's MPP.

Just last week, she noted, as NDP Leader Andrea Horwath was raising the matter of the impending Energex Tube steel plant idling in Welland, a member of the Tory caucus blurted out a remark about Kormos's absence.

"What I heard was 'Kormos would be reeling about this if he was here,'" Forster said.

She remembered that when he resigned from provincial politics in 2011, he questioned aloud how long it would take for people to forget about him.

"I said, 'They're never going to forget you!'"

Just as he would not forget them, Kormos' supporters to farmers' market, or during his handshaking along the Rose Festival parade route.

"Peter was unique as a politician for the city of Welland. (His death) has left a big void," said Ward 5 Coun. Rocky Letourneau.

"He knew everybody by name."

His "greeting" would almost always start with "Howdy."

Malcolm Allen misses that about his friend of some 20 years.

He also had with Kormos that encouraged him to fill Fortier's vacancy in Niagara Region council chambers — a seat swap it came down to.

It told him, "You have a role to play in local politics."

Kormos, he said, will always be missed during the region's annual "Niagara Week" sessions

at Queen's Park, when local officials head to Toronto to meet with various ministry representatives. Kormos would have been able to point out who to speak to, and who to bypass.

"He really knew all the inside players and knew how to get the results he wanted," Allen said. Kormos's oratory skills could elevate the profile of any issue.

"When he spoke, people stood up and took notice."

For one regional councilor from St. Catharines, Kormos was both a sparing partner and a close friend.

"He got to say, selfishly, I miss him as an ally at the regional," Andre Giesler said.

The two men would regularly compare notes over the phone in preparation for a Thursday night debate in Thorold or for their short-lived CKTB radio show *The Region*.

He, too, like many people who responded to the anniversary of Kormos' death this past weekend, remarked how the politician's trademark "Howdy" greeting is sadly gone.

"He was also a person who would use the word 'kindly' a

lot," he noted.

In the short time he knew the tireless advocate, Petrovski came to learn much about him, including his ability of speed reading.

"I think the greatest stories of Peter will never be told," he said, wishing he could have learned more about the private side of the man.

The death of Kormos "was probably one of the more significant losses of the past year in Ontario," he said.

"He was a maverick for the people."

"We need more mavericks like Peter Kormos in government holding people accountable."

"He was a rebel with a cause — and if he didn't have one, he'd find one."



**GREG FURMINGER/QMI AGENCY NIAGARA**

Welland artist James Takeo holds his artwork of Peter Kormos now on display with other images of the iconic politician at the Welland Rose Festival Office on East Main St.

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**MARYANNE FIRTH**  
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Mayors of the region's six southernmost communities came together last Friday to talk about not only the Niagara of today, but also the Niagara of tomorrow.

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hosted by Welland-Pelham, Port Colborne-Wainfleet, Greater Fort Erie and Niagara Falls chambers of commerce.

Topics touched on included the Pan Am Games and World Dragonboat Championships, both to be held in 2015; the east Fonthill development plan that will see 450 acres of land developed for use as construction and residential land; the new Canalside Marina Specieon in Fonthill set to break ground later this year; Port Colborne's 1,000-plus acres of developable economic gateway employment lands, for which incentives are available for investors; Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's recent purchase of 15 acres of public-use beachfront property in Wainfleet, for which public input is being sought; and the potential for Niagara to become the connection between high-speed rail links being constructed in New York City and Toronto.

Augustyn closed the luncheon by asking the hundreds of business representatives in attendance to share their knowledge and opinions with Niagara Region, which has undertaken a new initiative focusing on the region's future.

The gathering of public input has already begun for Imagine Niagara – intended to create a vision for the region 50 years down the road.

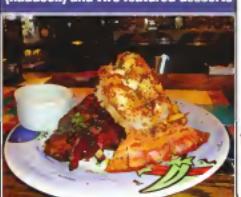
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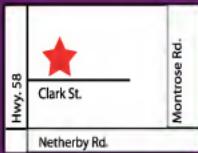
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**TOP HAT CEREMONY:** First upbound ship of season passes through Welland Canal

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Port Colborne's top hat ceremony, for the first downbound ship, has been postponed.

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Spring is just around the corner! It's a time of new life – not only for the plants and animals – but for you too! It is the perfect time of year to make a few simple changes to your daily routine in order to get your heart into great shape, so you'll have a spring in your step for many years to come!

Our heart is like the engine of our body... without fuel, it will not work; without maintenance and regular use, it will not function properly; and if you look after it, it will last for many years without the need for repair.

The fuel for our heart is the food we consume. Healthier food choices will result in a healthier, stronger heart. Here are five easy ways to improve your diet:

1. COOK WITH LESS FAT – STEAM, BAKE, BROIL OR GRILL MEAT, POULTRY OR FISH INSTEAD OF FRYING.
2. EAT MORE VEGETABLES AND FRUIT – ADD THEM WHEREVER YOU CAN: SOUPS, SAUCES, STEWS, FRESH, FROZEN OR CANNED ARE ALL HEALTHY CHOICES.
3. USE LESS SALT – TRY TO AVOID ADDING SALT WHEN COOKING AND ALWAYS TASTE YOUR FOOD BEFORE ADDING SALT OVERHEM TRY LEAVENING YOUR FOOD WITH HERBS, SPICES, GARLIC, OR LEMON JUICE INSTEAD.
4. COOK WITH MORE WHOLE GRAINS – USE BROWN RICE, WHOLE WHEAT FLOUR, AND WHOLE WHEAT PASTA IN RECIPES WHERE YOU WOULD NORMALLY USE THE WHITE VERSION. ALSO, INSTEAD OF QUICK OATS, USE WHOLE ROLLED OATS AS THEY ARE THE HEALTHIER OPTION.
5. DON'T MISS OUT ON FIBRE – EAT THE PEEL WITH THE APPLES OR THE SKIN OF A BAKED POTATO FOR EXTRA FIBRE AS LONG AS THEY ARE WASHED. YOU COULD ALSO ADD RINSED, CANNED BEANS TO RECIPES FOR FIBRE BOOST!

Daily physical activity is the regular exercise that your heart needs to continue functioning properly. According to Canada's Physical Activity Guidelines, adults 16+ should be doing a total of at least 150 minutes of aerobic activity each week. Aim for about 30 minutes of exercise on most days of the week. Activities may include brisk walking, bike riding, dancing or jogging. Another way to incorporate physical activity into your daily routine: Take the dog for a brisk walk around the neighbourhood, go for a day at the park with the family on the weekend, do some parenting, or maybe join a dance class and make some new friends too!

Along with a well-balanced diet and daily physical activity, your heart needs a check-up once every 1 to 4 weeks. Your doctor can check your weight, blood pressure, cholesterol levels and blood sugar during an appointment to see that your heart is in good working order and may make recommendations to you based on the results.

Drinking too much alcohol, smoking and high levels of stress can also have negative effects on the heart. If you drink alcohol, limit yourself to no more than two drinks a day for women or three drinks a day for men. If you are a smoker, the sooner you become smoke-free, the sooner your body will recover. Talk to your pharmacist about ways to kick the habit. Everyone reacts differently to stress. Some people deal with stress by working harder or longer, while others may turn to hobbies such as stamp collecting or reading. Other people may be stressed as taking a few deep breaths for stress relief, while others may do daily meditation or practice yoga to reduce stress-free. Taking time for you self each day to do something you enjoy is another way of keeping your stress level to a minimum. Find one new hobby, activity or project that you might enjoy doing either on your own or with friends.

Many people will already be doing one or more of these things to look after their hearts, and that is great, but if this all seems a bit daunting, don't worry because of course, you do not have to make all of these changes at once! Decide to make one change this month and maybe add another next month. Before long, you'll be right on track to keeping your mind, body and heart happy and healthy.

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**Captain was overwhelmed with first voyage**

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But that unbroken link to the first days of the first Welland Canal, and all the official talk about how many millions of tonnes of cargo are moving through the Great Lakes system each year was not enough to steel him from the massive ship.

"Of course the top hat

ceremony is important. It is something the ship owners participate in every year in turn, but for us this is really special, having the *Equinox* here," said Greg Wright, CEO of Captain's. "We're looking at the future of shipping for us and, although I might be a little biased, the future of shipping on the Great Lakes.

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The company is run by nine directors who are elected by the policyholders at the Annual meeting. Each of the nine directors are elected for a three year term, with three being elected each year. At the annual meeting held March 25, 2014, David Gill, Phillip Lambert and David Wiley were re-elected for three year terms. Lubert Doornekamp of Fort Erie will serve the company as President for 2014-2015 and Lloyd Roseboom of Port Colborne was elected as Vice-President. Racheal Siciliano of Welland is the General Manager.

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## Twenty-five evacuated after Port gas leak

ALLAN BENNER  
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As many as 25 people were evacuated from two buildings at the intersection of Elm and Killaly Sts., after a natural gas pipe was ruptured at about 2:35 p.m.

The odour of natural gas was apparent for several blocks to the east of the leaking two-inch diameter pipe, damaged by a construction project at the Port Colborne fire prevention officer Mike Benda.

Benda said the occupants of the Remax building and an adjacent apartment building were evacuated.

Enbridge spokeswoman Chris Meyer said the gas was safely venting to the atmosphere, posing little risk to the public.

"Our crews were monitoring it carefully with emergency responders while they worked towards stopping the leak," she said.

A hydro-excavation truck

remained on site to repair the damaged pipe.

"I understand that there were some problems in the area that temporarily lost natural gas service as a result of the damage," she added.

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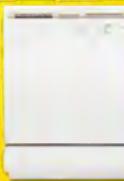


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Leading the cast is the incomparable Ian Garcia, best known for his stunning portrayal of Paul McCartney in the Broadway show "Rain". Ringo Starr will be played by UK native Mark Matthews, now a Canadian citizen and recent Juno Award winner, while Bill Black, best known for his work with Herman's Hermits stars as George Harrison, and European Column Henry plays John Lennon to perfection.

All songs in "Beatlemania: The 50th Anniversary Show" are performed "note for note" by the cast members who are further augmented with full costume, vintage instruments and equipment. The performance begins with their famous 1964 appearance on the Ed Sullivan television show and includes multiple costume changes and hit songs from every era of The Beatles' extensive catalogue.



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Tickets to see "Beatlemania: The 50th Anniversary Show" at the Roselawn Theatre in Port Colborne on Saturday April 26 at 8:00pm are value-priced at only \$30, available by phone at 905-834-7572 or pick up at the Roselawn Theatre box office located at 296 Fielden Avenue. It is recommended that ticket buyers call early to ensure the best seats.



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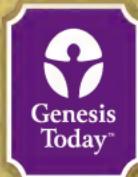
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### NEWS RELEASE - For Immediate Release

RE: Niagara Lifestyle Home Show - Seymour-Hammar Sportsplex  
240 St. Paul St. W., St. Catharines, April 4 to 6, 2014

The region's #1 Home Show the 27th annual Niagara Lifestyle Home Show is just about ready to roll for another great year! The show spans two NHL size arenas and is full of great bargains for your home and lifestyle. The home show dates are April 4 to 6 at St. Catharines' Seymour-Hammar Sportsplex at 240 St. Paul St. W. The new multi-million dollar facility has lots of close, free parking, is wheelchair accessible, is clean, new and bright and it has a terrific restaurant inside!

Friday is the best day for seniors at the Home Show! Right after the Grand Opening at 1 p.m. seniors will receive 1/2 price admission all day Friday as part of the "Seniors To Seniors" day. Minimum charge for seniors is \$2.50 (coupons and other promotional offers are not valid in conjunction with the seniors discount).

To celebrate the 27th anniversary of the show there is one lucky visitor to the show who will win a fantastic electric bike valued at over \$2800, courtesy of GoGreen Ecycles! Other great prizes to be won include: one of two prizes of a one cubic yard of rich garden mix delivered to your home courtesy of Ridgview Garden Centre. Plus much more.

Returning as a major sponsor of the show is Reliance Home Comfort who will also be exhibiting at the show and offering tremendous deals on new high efficiency air conditioners and furnaces. Saving money on your heating/cooling bills and gas bills can be quite significant with new equipment.

A brand new sponsor this year is Bell Fibre. Come experience the best TV service - Fibre. Fibre is available in St. Catharines! Look for their booth inside the show entrance.

Another new addition to the show is The Incredible World of Bugs display featuring the Butterfly Man, John Powers and supporters from Orkin Canada. Kids and adults alike will love it!

One of the many new exhibitors at the show is Accu-Lock who are featuring reduced prices on home, fire and burglary safes. Located near the show entrance in booth 200 they will have security experts on site to answer questions about locks and alarm systems plus enter to win a home safe!

The Home Show is the place to come and discover everything that is new and exciting for your home for 2014. It spans two huge NHL size rinks full of everything imaginable for your home. (when you come into the building the home show this spring is in the two rinks to the left instead of the two rinks on

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There is more than ever to do at this year's Niagara Lifestyle Home Show - listen to the strolling band, compare products from the many exhibitors and book your services before these companies get booked for next year.

A limited annual exhibitor space is still available. Information about becoming an exhibitor in the Home Show is available by contacting Sharon or Dave of Jenkins Show Productions at 1-800-465-1073. See you at the Niagara Region's number one Home Show event - April 4 to 6 the 27th annual Niagara Lifestyle Home Show in St. Catharines! Discount coupon available at [virtualhomeshow.ca](http://virtualhomeshow.ca) or check your local newspaper for the 2 for 1 pink admission coupon.

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